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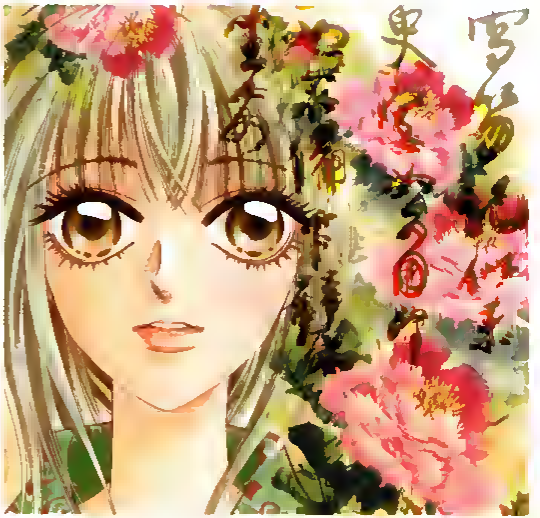

SHAN YU MU IS CONSTANTLY DREAMING OF YING SHUANG'S FUTURE IN CHAINS, WANDERING THE DESERTS OF THE NORTH-WEST.

KNOWING THAT HE IS THE CAUSE OF THAT TRAGIC FUTURE FOR YING SHUANG, SHAN YU MU RESOLVES TO LEAVE HER, RETURNING AGAIN TO HIS JOURNEY OF SOLITUDE. BUT YING SHUANG, UNWILLING TO GIVE UP, SEARCHES FOR HIM IN HIS HOMETOWN. INSTEAD, SHE FINDS HIS PAST, HIS FAMILY, AS WELL AS THE ENMITY OF HIS CLAN WHO AWAITS HIM.

MEANWHILE, THE CRAZED, INFATUATED WEN MO YAN WAITS.

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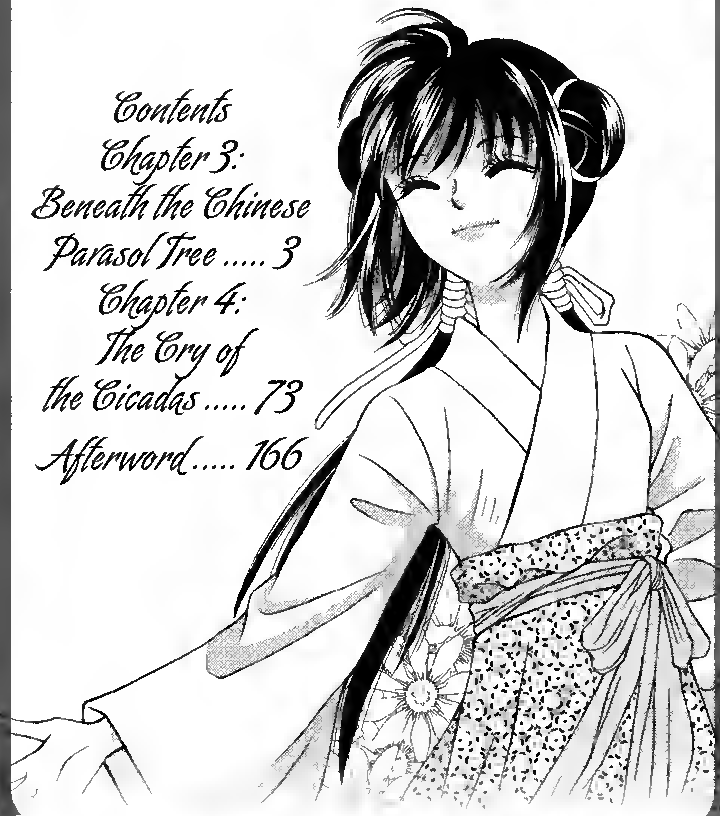

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WHAT'S THAT SOUND..?
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK

YING SHUANG?
YING SHUANG!

THIS IS... A RIBBON...?
THE OTHER END OF THE RIBBON...
IS...

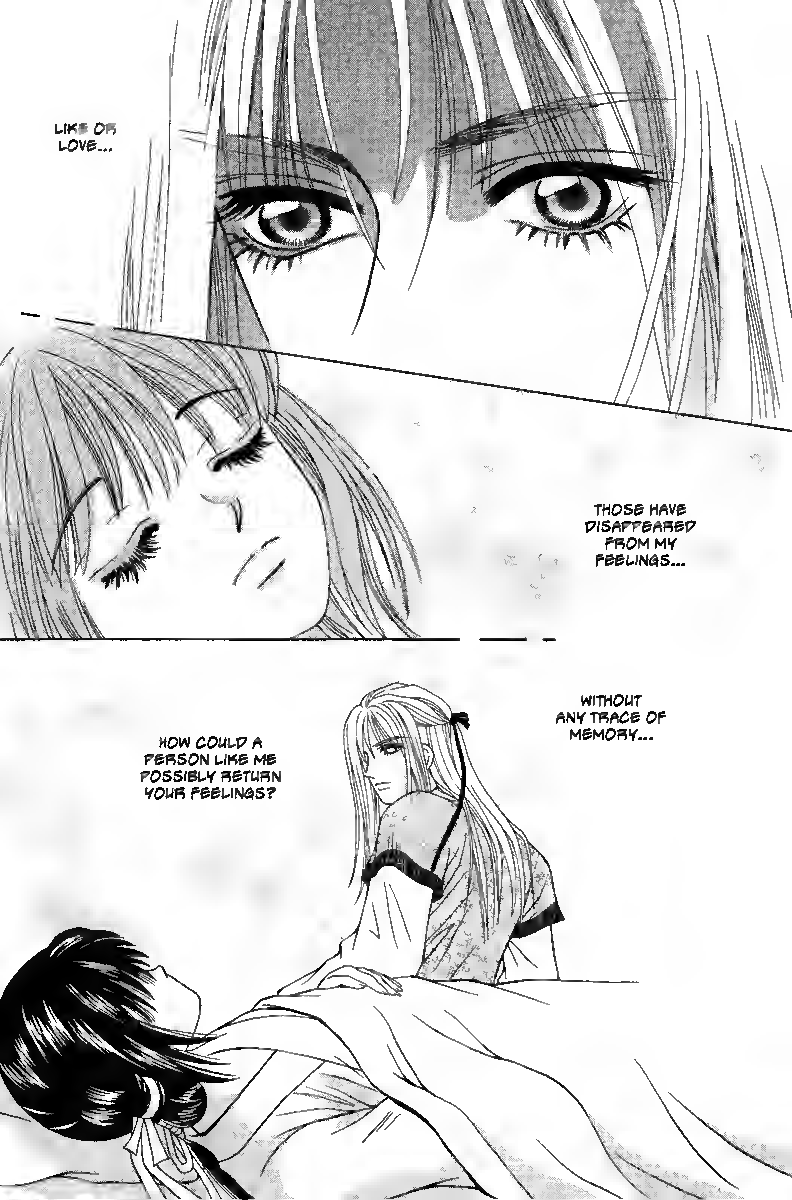
...IS IN MY HAND?!
SHAAAAA
SHAAAAA
SHAA

UGH...
SHAKE SHAKE
ANOTHER PROPHETIC DREAM...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IS YOUR FATE ENTANGLED WITH MINE?
THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT! I'VE HAD THE SAME DREAM COUNTLESS TIMES NOW...

WHY ARE YOU GOING TO END UP LIKE THAT?
YING SHUANG...
COULD I BE THE CAUSE?
JITTA
PEST!
JINX!
STAY AWAY!

YOU HEARTLESS BASTARD!
GO TO HELL! YOU MON-STER!
JUST GO AWAY!
YOU CURSED YOUR OWN FATHER TO DEATH! YET YOU STILL DARE TO STAY?
YOU DEVIL CHILD! DISAPPEAR FROM MY SIGHT!
OTHERWISE, I'LL CLAW YOUR EYES OUT! YOU HEAR ME?
AAAH!

YING SHUANG LOVES YOU!
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
THE WARMTH OF ANOTHER'S BODY, THE TOUCH OF ANOTHER'S HANDS...
I'D FORGOTTEN THAT KIND OF FEELING A LONG TIME AGO...


LIKE OR LOVE...
THOSE HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM MY FEELINGS...
WITHOUT ANY TRACE OF MEMORY...
HOW COULD A PERSON LIKE ME POSSIBLY RETURN YOUR FEELINGS?

AAH...
BROTHER SHAN...
YING SHUANG! ARE YOU AWAKE?
HUH...?
WELCOME BACK TO THE WORLD OF THE LIVING
HUH...I.

I HAD A DREAM.
SISTER WAN XIANG WON THE BEAUTY PAGEANT.
AND SHE RETURNED TO HER HOMETOWN AND MARRIED HER SWEETHEART.
SHE, DID GO BACK TO HER HOMETOWN.
SHE EVEN ASKED ME TO RETURN THIS HAIRPIN TO YOU.
LET US BE SWORN SISTERS!

LET'S MAKE A WISH!
MAY WE BOTH MARRY MEN WE LOVE
MAY OUR SWORN SISTERHOOD END ONLY IN DEATH
GOOD.
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AWAKE, BROTHER SHAN?
ONLY TWO HOURS.
I'm going to serve the tea.
LIAR. YOU LOOK SO HAGGARD.
BECAUSE OF ME..
EVEN WORSE THAN THE FIRST TIME I MET YOU.
SHHH
IS THAT SO?
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS HAVE WITHERED. NOW THE RAIN IS FALLING...
SHAAAAA
SHAAAAA
WE ARE AT A MOUNTAIN-SIDE LODGE
RELAX AND REST.

chirp
chirp
IT WAS RAINING ALL NIGHT LONG BUT NOW THE SUN HAS COME OUT!
SISTER SHUANG!

!
LOOK, SISTER SHUANG! I PICKED THESE WILD VEGETABLES!
YING SHUANG! SISTER! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
LI BEN...
BROTHER SHAN IS GATHERING HERBS HE ASKED ME TO WATCH OVER YOU
YOU ARE...?
I'M XIAO YIAO. THIS IS MY HOME!

Doesn't remember at all
THREE DAYS? THAT LONG...
YOU SLEPT FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS!
XIAO YIAO...
SHE REMINDS ME OF LI REN...
THREE DAYS AGO,
BROTHER SHAN BARGED INTO MY HOME CARRYING YOU ON HIS BACK AND BEGGED FOR A ROOM TO SLEEP IN
WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD!
THESE PAST THREE DAYS, BROTHER SHAN HAS BEEN GATHERING HERBS AND MAKING THEM INTO MEDICINE.
HE EVEN FED THE MEDICINE TO YOU HIMSELF

UGH...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... IT SEEMS I DO RECALL SOMETHING...
BROTHER SHAN, HE...
HE EVEN CHANGED YOUR CLOTHES!
CHANGED MY CLOTHES?!
It's... It's...
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU HAVE TO MARRY A MAN WHO SEES YOU NAKED?
How old are you? Thinking this sort of thing...
BUT BROTHER SHAN WORE HIS BLINDFOLD, SO HE COULDN'T HAVE SEEN A THING!
Haha!
You were playing around with me?!

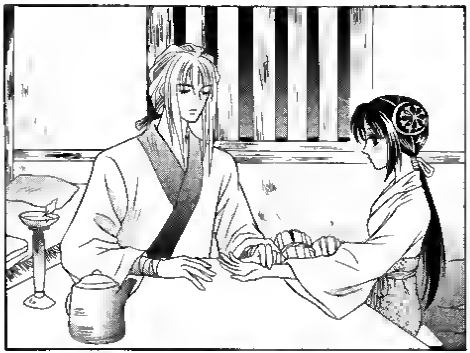
DIDN'T SEE WHAT?
OH, THIS IS A SECRET TALK BETWEEN WOMEN ONLY!
You're a child.
LET'S GO, SISTER SHUANG! I'LL SHOW YOU A BEAUTIFUL VALLEY TO PICK FLOWERS.

BROTHER SHAN...

IF...
IF...
IF POSSIBLE...
LET'S JUST KEEP LIVING LIKE THIS.

I CAN LEARN HOW TO FARM AND HARVEST FRUITS...
HOW TO SEW CLOTHES EVERYDAY...
WE LIVE TOGETHER...
Looks just like you, right?
AS LONG AS...
Look what I made!

AS LONG AS WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER FOR ALL ETERNITY...
DRINK THIS MEDICINE WHILE IT'S STILL WARM.
DO I STILL HAVE TO? I'M COMPLETELY RECOVERED ALREADY.
DRINK IT
Yes
No room for negotiation.


LET ME CHECK YOUR PULSE.
[CK!

BROTHER SHAN CHECKS MY PULSE THREE TIMES A DAY AND JUST WON'T LET HIS GUARD DOWN.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT ABOUT MEDICINE.

...
YOU'VE NEVER CONSIDERED GOING BACK TO YOUR HOMETOWN?
A WANDERER PICKS UP A LOT OF SKILLS.

GOING BACK HOME...
BROTHER SHAN HASN'T RETURNED FROM GATHERING HERBS.
I'LL GO LOOK FOR HIM
SO GOOD.. I ALSO WANT TO MARRY A MAN LIKE BROTHER SHAN
Our Xiao Yiao sure is mature...

BROTHER SHAN!
WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING HERE?
YING SHUANG
YING...
BROTHER SHAN...?
BROTHER SHAN!
BROTHER SHAN!
BROTHER SHAN!
YING SHUANG...

YING SHUANG!!

HOW COULD YOU...
I'M HERE, BROTHER SHAN!
SMACK!
THERE'S NO WAY!

NO-THING
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.
THE DREAM JUST NOW... WAS SO CLEAR!
WHAT HAPPENED, BROTHER SHAN?
THE DREAMS ARE STARTING EARLIER AND EARLIER.
...
MUST HAVE DREAMED OF SOMETHING!
YOU

NO, JUST A NIGHTMARE I HAVE THEM ALL THE TIME NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
DID IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME?
SOON, I MAY SEE THE WHOLE INCIDENT.
CAN I CHANGE IT?
YING SHUANG, DO YOU LIKE IT HERE?
IS THAT REALLY YOUR FATE, YING SHUANG?
LET'S GO BACK

I'VE NEVER BEEN ON A MOUNTAIN BEFORE
YES, VERY MUCH.
LI REN, FATHER AND MOTHER MUST BE DOING WELL UP THERE.
HE'LL GROW UP SAFELY AND PEACEFULLY THERE...
AND..
XIAO YIAO REMINDS ME OF LI REN.

OH?
MM...
HOW ABOUT SETTLING DOWN HERE?
HUH? REALLY?
IF YOU LIKE IT HERE, THEN WHY NOT?
AND YOU'RE GETTING ALONG WITH XIAO YIAO VERY WELL
UMM...
WHAT I'D LIKE IS... FOR YOU TO SETTLE DOWN WITH ME!
THIS WILL BE OUR PROMISE. MAY WE BOTH MARRY MEN WE LOVE.
I THINK

SISTER WAN XIANG MUST BE BACK IN HER HOMETOWN, LIVING HAPPILY WITH HER HUSBAND
WHAT DID I SAY! WITH HARD WORK, FATE CAN BE CHANGED!
JUST LIKE SISTER WAN XIANG!
IF OUR FATE IS ALL DECIDED ALREADY, THEN THERE'S NO MEANING IN OUR LIVES, RIGHT?

THEN.
WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE I SEE?
DOES THAT MEAN IT'S EVEN MORE MEANINGLESS?
THAT'S YOUR MANDATE OF HEAVEN!
JUST LIKE CONFUCIUS SAYS, "HEAVEN WILL BLESS THOSE WHO ARE WORTHY."
YOUR GIFT IS MEANT TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.
JUST LIKE THE EMPEROR HAS TO USE HIS AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER,
YOU HAVE TO WARN OTHERS OF THEIR FATE SO THAT THEY CAN CHANGE IT
YOU MAKE ME SOUND SO GRAND.

YOU ARE
THERE WILL BE PEOPLE WHO MIS-UNDERSTAND YOU BECAUSE
THEY DON'T UNDER-STAND FATE
THEY MIGHT CHASE YOU AWAY
BUT...
YOU ARE DOING NOTHING WRONG

YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE YOU LONELY, BUT YOU MUST STAY STRONG AND KEEP USING IT!
YING SHUANG...
I ONLY WISH FOR YOU TO KEEP YOUR PASSION ABOUT LIFE...
WHICH MAKES YOU BEAUTIFUL AND DAZZLING...
HOWEVER, STILL...
IF I'M THE CAUSE OF YOUR MISFORTUNE, THEN THERE'S ONE THING I'M SURE OF. I WILL NOT LET YOU STEP ON THE PATH I SEE IN MY DREAMS.

NO MORE SYMP-TOMS?
NO.
SHAAA
SHAAA
NO DIZZI-NESS?
HOW ARE YOUR HANDS AND FEET?
DOES YOUR CHEST FEEL HEAVY?
A LITTLE.. UMM..
I'M FINE I DON'T NEED ANY MORE MEDICINE
I'LL WRITE DOWN THE INGREDIENTS JUST IN CASE JUST TAKE IT EASY A LITTLE WHILE LONGER

BROTHER SHAN...
AH
IT'S RAINING AGAIN
HURRY UP AND GO TO BED NOW. YOU MUSTN'T STAY UP LATE
YES! I'll sleep!
YING SHUANG...

When the sun sets
and only a red sky remains,
All the cool autumn air rises up.
Each splash of the raindrops
on the tree at midnight...
Is a whisper of farewell...
e raindrop
at midnight...
r of farewell.

BROTHER SHAN!
I'M A HEARTLESS PERSON
LEAVING YOU IN PEACE... IS THE BEST WAY TO RETURN YOUR KINDNESS
STAY AWAY FROM ME
BROTHER SHAN!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

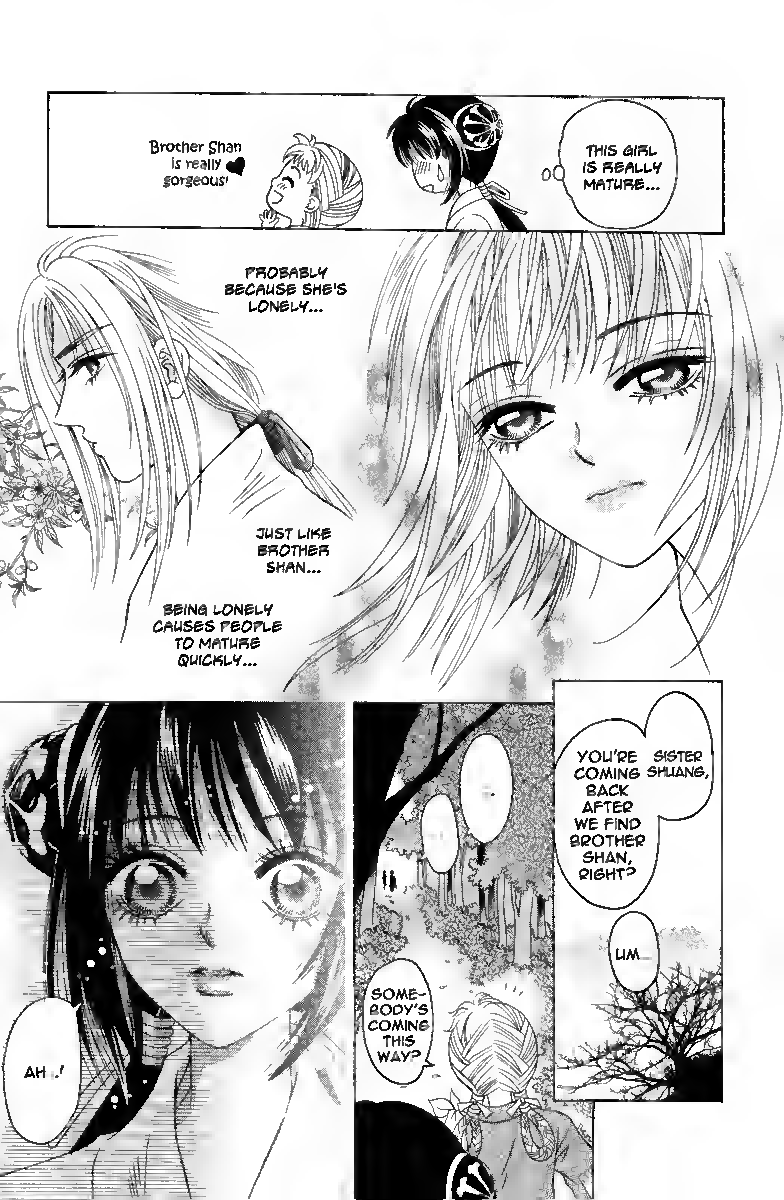
BROTHER SHAN MUST HAVE DREAMED OF SOMETHING!
HE HAD PANICKED THAT TIME...
IT MUST BE A PROPHECY RELATED TO ME!
I HAVE TO FIND BROTHER SHAN!
THAT'S RIGHT! I MUST FIGURE THIS OUT!

YING SHUANG!
XIAO YIAO
I SAW BROTHER SHAN GOING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN EARLY THIS MORNING.
MM...
DID HE SAY ANYTHING TO YOU?
HE TOLD ME NOT TO GO TO THE WEST PART OF THE FOREST.
IS HE NOT COMING BACK?
MM...
LET'S GO! WE'LL SEARCH FOR HIM!
I LIKE BROTHER SHAN, TOO! I WANT TO FIND HIM!
BUT.. XIAO YIAO .

MISS YING SHUANG, XIAO YIAO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE MOUNTAIN.
LET HER SHOW YOU THE WAY
XIAO YIAO HAS NEVER HAD A FRIEND BEFORE.
SHE'S BEEN GROWING UP ALL ALONE WITH JUST US
Elder brother
Elder sister
Younger brother
Younger sister
HER ONLY FRIENDS WERE THE STRAW DOLLS SHE MADE.
SHE'S BEEN PEEKING THROUGH THE WINDOW AT YOU TWO EVER SINCE YOU ARRIVED.

AND EVERY DAY, SHE ASKS..
Mom! Will they settle down here?
They will, right? Mom!
I don't know...
XIAO YIAO...
WHAT A LOVELY CHILD...
IT'S HARD FOR XIAO YIAO TO LET YOU GO.
PLEASE LET HER GO WITH YOU. SHE CAN DEFINITELY HELP YOU OUT
AH, I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE THANKING YOU
SHE'S REALLY A BRAVE CHILD.

THIS IS THE ONLY PATH DOWN THE MOUNTAIN
WE'LL CATCH UP TO HIM FOR SURE IF WE HURRY
EVEN IF WE DON'T, WE CAN STILL FIND HIM IN THE TOWN DOWN THERE
BECAUSE BROTHER SHAN REALLY STICKS OUT!


Brother Shan is really ♥ gorgeous!
THIS GIRL IS REALLY MATURE...
PROBABLY BECAUSE SHE'S LONELY...
JUST LIKE BROTHER SHAN...
BEING LONELY CAUSES PEOPLE TO MATURE QUICKLY...
YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH SISTER SHUANG, AFTER WE FIND BROTHER SHAN, RIGHT?
UM...
SOMEBODY'S COMING THIS WAY?
AH..!

!
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
WEN
MO YAN!
SISTER
SHUANG?
RUSTLE

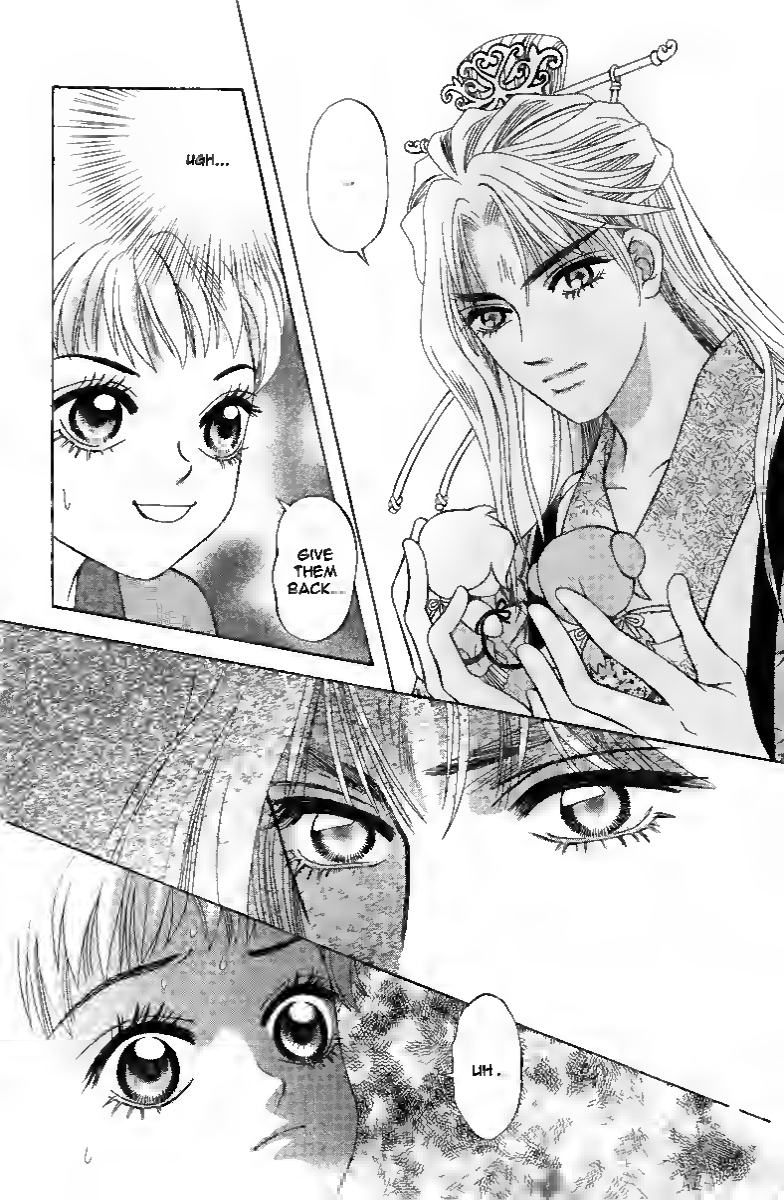
XIAO YIAO, HURRY AND HIDE!
WHY?
ARE THEY BAD GUYS?
I DON'T WANT THOSE MEN TO SEE US...
MM...
DON'T WORRY, SISTER SHUANG
I'LL GET RID OF THEM!
NO! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

SISTER SHUANG, USE THIS CHANCE TO GO DOWN THE MOUNTAIN. I'LL MEET YOU IN FRONT OF "LAO SHUANG ANTIQUES STORE."
DON'T WORRY, I HAVE A GOOD PLAN.
XIAO YIAO... THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA...
DON'T WORRY!
I'LL SHOW THEM A PATH WHERE THEY'LL BE WANDERING AROUND LOST FOR THREE DAYS!

XIAO YIAO..
...
DO YOU LIVE HERE, LITTLE GIRL?
MM,
YES
HAVE ANY STRANGERS PASSED BY HERE LATELY?
YEAH.
NOT TOO LONG AGO THEY WENT THAT WAY
I'LL SHOW YOU
XIAO YIAO... BE CAREFUL!
Hurry and go!

JUST GO STRAIGHT TO THE WEST.
HOW ABOUT YOU WALK WITH US THE WHOLE WAY? I'LL PAY YOU FIFTY SILVER COINS.
FIFTY SILVER COINS!
So much!
I'M NEEDED ELSEWHERE
What a pity~

AH!
YOU'RE JUST GONNA LEAVE US HERE?!
HANG ON!
MY DOLLS!


UGH...
GIVE THEM BACK...
UH.

KYAA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! LET GO!
LET GO OF ME!
KYAA!
rustle
rustle

SPLASH
COUGH! COUGH!
TELL ME!
WHERE ARE THEY?
I DON'T KNOW!
COUGH! COUGH!
SPLASH

UWAAA!
WHERE ARE THEY?
Cough! Cough!
I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T KNOW!
SPLASH
YOU WON'T SAY?
THEN NEVER SAY ANOTHER WORD AGAIN!
!
Blub blub...

FATHER!
MOTHER!
...
IT'S ALMOST DARK... WHY ISN'T XIAO YIAO HERE YET?

COULD IT BE...
DID WEN MO YAN DO SOMETHING TO HER...?
NO! I MUST GO BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN!
HUH?
AH!

ARE YOU OKAY, GRAND-MOTHER?
HAH... HAH...
I BOUGHT TOO MUCH...
I'M BECOMING OLD AND USELESS. I CAN'T EVEN WALK AND CARRY THIS...
COULD YOU PLEASE WALK ME HOME, KIND MISS?
OKAY LET ME CARRY THAT FOR YOU.

THIS WAY, MISS.
MY HOME IS JUST AHEAD.
UGH! SO HEAVY!
XIAO YIAO...
PLEASE BE SAFE, XIAO YIAO! I'LL COME BACK HERE AND WAIT FOR YOU!

THIS IS... YOUR HOME?
SO GRAND!
PLEASE COME IN.
OKAY

PLEASE WAIT A MOMENT
PASH-PASH
PASH PASH
WELCOME HOME, MOTHER!
WHAT, ARE YOU GUYS DEAD?
HURRY HERE!

JADE?
SILK? JEWELS?
WHAT DID YOU BUY THIS TIME, MOTHER?
MOTHER REALLY LIKES BUYING ANTIQUES!
WAAH! LOOK AT ALL THESE ANTIQUES!
WHAT A BIG FAMILY!
SO MANY PEOPLE!
A JADE TALISMAN! WHAT DYNASTY IS IT FROM?
HOW MUCH IS THAT WORTH?
LOVELY, MOTHER!
WE CAN RESELL THESE FOR A LOT OF MONEY!
OH!
WOW!

I MUST SAY...
I THINK THE MOST VALUABLE ONE IS THIS CHUEI INKSTONE
I'LL JUST SHOW MYSELF OUT...
OH!
IT'LL DEFINITELY BE WORTH EVEN MORE IN THE FUTURE
I JUST WISH THE SELLER COULD HAVE TOLD ME MORE ABOUT IT
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT KIND OF STONE IT'S CARVED FROM
BA-THUMP
CHUEI INKSTONE?!
Really? So it was a good idea to come here after all!
Daughter Shuang, look at this stone... This'll become a good inkstone after we shape it.

What should I call this inkstone?
Let's see...
The cicadas are so loud...
Mm...
What should I call it?
chirrup
chirrup
chirrup

FATHER...
HUH?
MISS, YOU...
IT TOOK HIM THREE MONTHS TO DESIGN,
AND SIX MONTHS TO DO THE ACTUAL CARVING. IT'S CALLED "THE RIVER FLOWS TO THE SEA."
THAT WAS CARVED BY CHUEI WEN XIANG, AND HE USED BLUESTONE FROM THE YI RIVER

THAT INKSTONE IS MY FATHER'S WORK.
I'M CHUEI YING SHUANG
CHUEI?
WASN'T THE WHOLE CHUEI FAMILY KILLED IN A FIRE A FEW MONTHS AGO?
YEAH. I HEARD RUMORS THAT IT WAS A CURSE.
MISS CHUEI, I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.
glare

HUH?
I NEED AN ASSISTANT TO APPRAISE ANTIQUES FOR ME
YOU CAN SETTLE DOWN HERE
Hmph! You just want a pretty girl around!
YEAH! I AGREE! MISS YING SHUANG SEEMS TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT ANTIQUES
BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER
Gluttonous and lazy
THAT'S RIGHT! MY DAUGHTERS AND SONS-IN-LAW
ARE ALL USELESS!

THAT'S TRUE...
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES... AND I STILL NEED TO WAIT FOR XIAO YIAO...
AND BROTHER SHAN IS MOST LIKELY STILL IN THIS TOWN...
STAYING HERE SEEMS LIKE A GOOD OPTION...
UM...
DON'T BE EMBARASSED. THIS IS GOOD FOR BOTH OF US.
IT'S TOUGH OUT THERE, ESPECIALLY FOR A YOUNG LADY LIKE YOU
AH, PARDON ME...
YOUR FAMILY IS...?
YOU COULD BE CORNERED BY BAD GUYS...
You mean bad guys like you?

OUR FAMILY IS THE BEST IN MOVING GOODS BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL PALACE IN THE CAPITAL ALL THE WAY TO JIANG NAN THE SHAN FAMILY.
HALF THE GOODS IN JIANG NAN ARE TRANSPORTED BY OUR FAMILY BUSINESS
SHAN FAMILY...?!
HUH...?

THESE ARE ALL MY DAUGHTERS, SONS-IN-LAW, AND GRAND-DAUGHTERS.
THE SHAN FAMILY HAS ONLY ONE MALE HEIR, AND HE'S GONE
HOW-EVER,
THANKS TO MY HARD WORK, THE SHAN FAMILY MAINTAINS ITS GOOD NAME!
Sons-in-law
MOTHER IS SO GREAT!
A slovenly lunch.

"SHAN" IS A RATHER UNUSUAL LAST NAME...
BROTHER SHAN SAID... HE WAS DRIVEN OUT OF HIS HOME AFTER HE PROPHESIZED HIS FATHER'S DEATH...
DID I END UP AT BROTHER SHAN'S HOME?
BE THE ONE THAT DISOWNED BROTHER SHAN?
COULD THIS SUCCESSFUL FAMILY...

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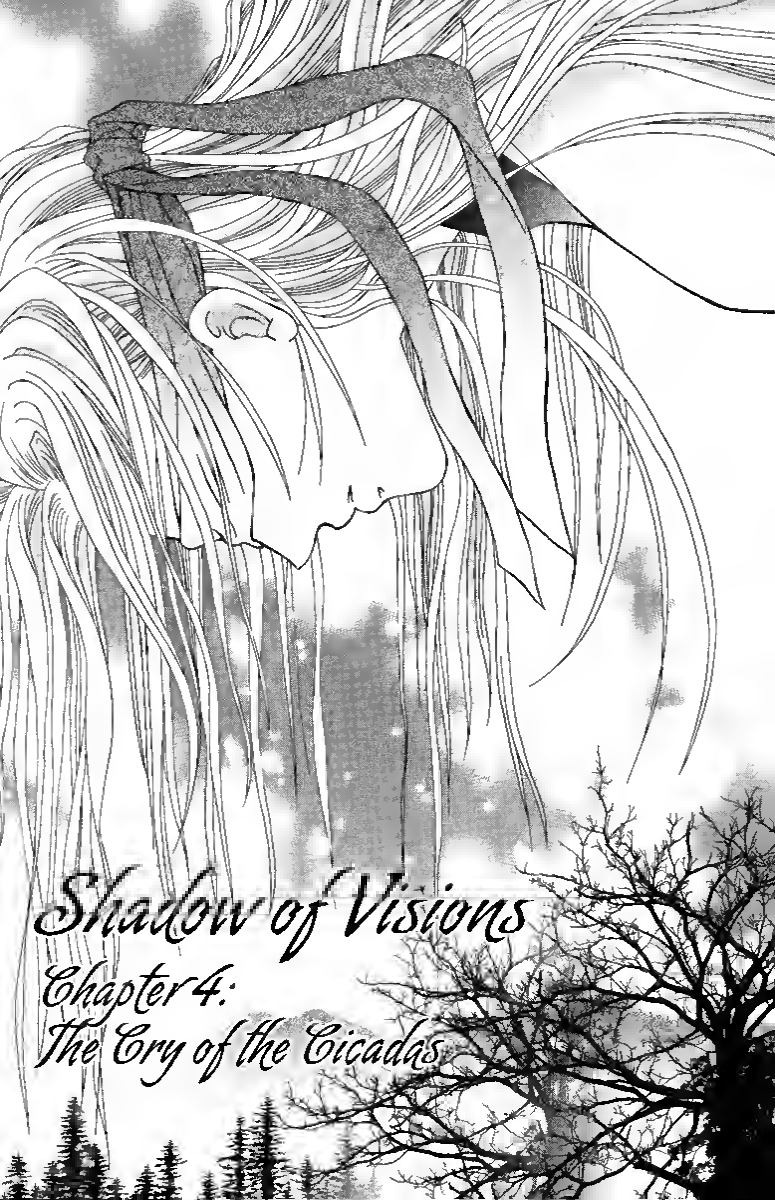
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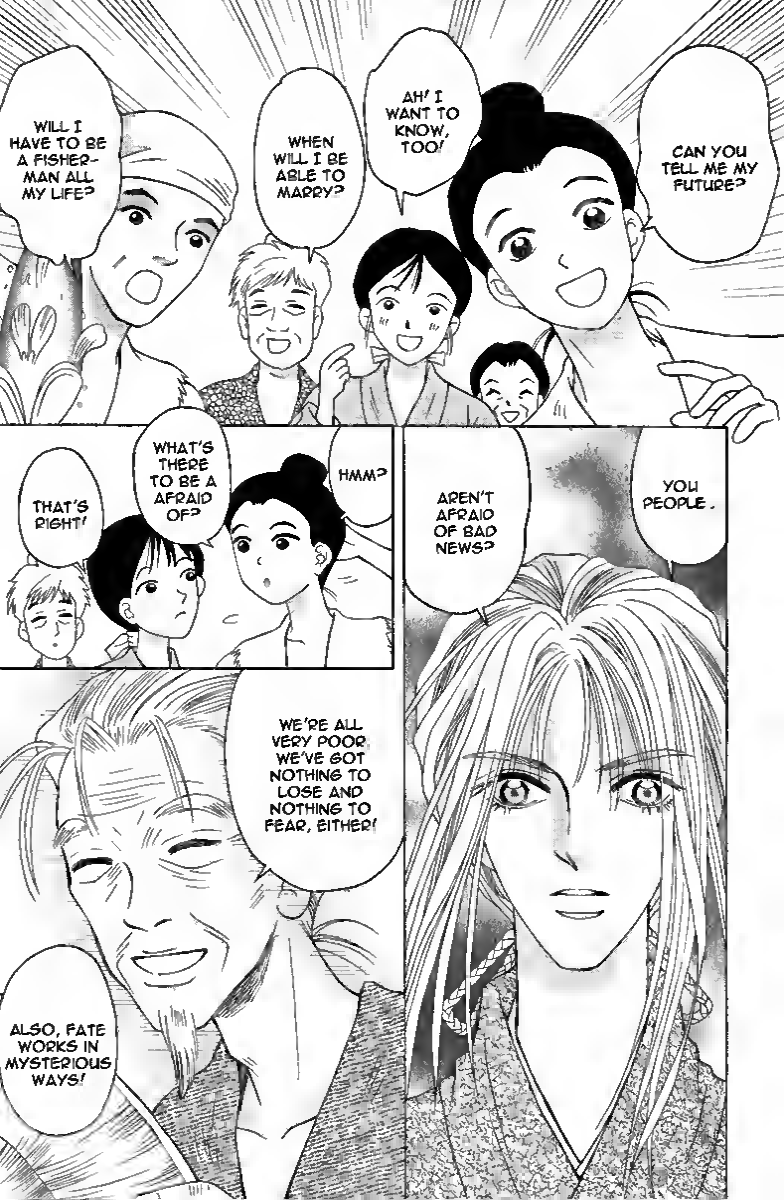
The Cry of the Cicadas

OLD MAN, THERE WILL BE A FLOOD YOU'D BE WISE TO SEEK HIGHER GROUND!
EH?
AH! YOU MUST BE THE GENIE OF THAT SECLUDED AND RUINED STREET!

THE PROPHET AND ARTIST!
GENIE?
COME THIS WAY!
THIS WAY..
PLEASE COME WITH ME! PLEASE COME!
OH.. I AM.

EH?!
I'VE MET THE PROPHET ARTIST!
WAH! LET'S SEE!
IS IT TRUE?
WHAT A YOUNG GENIE!
SO YOU ARE THAT PROPHET? YOU CAN SEE THE FUTURE?
WELCOME! MY FAMILY RAISED THIS!
TAKE IT WITH YOU!
COME VISIT MY HOUSE FOR A WHILE!
I CAUGHT A BIG FISH TODAY!


CAN YOU TELL ME MY FUTURE?
AH! I WANT TO KNOW, TOO!
WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO MARRY?
WILL I HAVE TO BE A FISHER-MAN ALL MY LIFE?
YOU PEOPLE AREN'T AFRAID OF BAD NEWS?
HMM?
WHAT'S THERE TO BE AFRAID OF?
THAT'S RIGHT!
WE'RE ALL VERY POOR. WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE AND NOTHING TO FEAR, EITHER!
ALSO, FATE WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS!

EVERYONE! SOMETHING AWFUL HAS WASHED UP ON THE RIVERBANK!
AH. IT'S A CHILD!
MUST BE A CHILD WHO LIVED ON THE MOUNTAIN.
AND DRIFTED DOWN-STREAM TO OUR TOWN...
POOR THING...
,

XIAO YAO!
SPLASH

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
SHE'S NOT BREATHING?!
splash
XIAOYAO! I DIDN'T SEE YOUR DEATH!
OH...
POOR THING!
SHE'S DEAD
COLD AS ICE

XIAO YAO!
WAKE UP QUICKLY! WAKE UP QUICKLY!
XIAO YAO!
IT IS NOT YOUR TIME TO DIE!
XIAO YAO!
pant
MISTER..
SHE'S NOT BREATHING..
SHE'S DEAD..
MISTER.. SHE..

XIAO YAO!
OH...
SHAN.. SHAN BROTHER SHAN...
IT'S A MIRACLE!
He really is a genie!
WAH!
SHE'S COME BACK TO LIFE!

BAD GUYS?
I MET BAD GUYS!
UWAAAAH!
AND... WHAT ABOUT YING SHUANG?
I DON'T KNOW! "SOB"
I WAS SEPARATED FROM SISTER SHUANG!
YING SHUANG!

RUMORS OF FLOODING?
YEAH, A PROPHET TOLD SOME VILLAGERS UP-RIVER
WHAT! YOU TRUST THE WORD OF A PROPHET?
ISN'T IT JUST THE RAVINGS OF THAT CHARLATAN PROPHET SHAN?
WHO KNOWS WHAT HIS SCAM IS?
HE MIGHT JUST BE LYING TO CHEAT THOSE FISHERMEN SOMEHOW!

IT REALLY IS A LOAD OF NONSENSE!
IT'S ALREADY AUTUMN AND LOOK AT THAT BRIGHT SUN. NO WAY THERE COULD BE A FLOOD IN THIS WEATHER!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
IS THAT SHAN YU MU HAVE ANY RELATION TO THE SHAN FAMILY IN THE CITY?
MY FATHER SAYS HE'S THEIR HEIR!
WHO KNOWS, MAYBE THEY'RE IN CAHOOTS TO SPOOK US BOATMEN AND SNATCH UP ALL THE BUSINESS FOR THEMSELVES!
HAHA! THAT'S POSSIBLE!

THOSE KIND OF RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING IN THE CITY
YES, MADAM. THEY SAY IT IS AN ARTIST'S PROPHECY
BROTHER SHAN!
OH...
WHAT WILL OLD MADAM SHAN DO?

THESE ARE MY ORDERS!
TIGHTEN THE FLOOD-CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE WAREHOUSES BY THE RIVER. BOATS ABOUT TO MAKE DELIVERIES DOWN-RIVER ARE TO BE DELAYED TEMPORARILY.
BOATS ALREADY EN ROUTE ARE TO DOCK AT A PORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! WAIT FOR THE WIND AND RAIN TO PASS, AND THEN MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME BY WORKING DAY AND NIGHT!
AH!
rumble
rumble...
rumble

shaaa...
shaaa...
shaaa...

shaaa...
shaaa...
shaaa...

Shaaa...
IT'S BEEN RAINING FOR EIGHT DAYS ALREADY!
QUICKLY, LET'S CHECK THINGS AT THE RIVER-SIDE!
Shaaa...

Shaaa
Shaaa
THE WARE-HOUSES ARE ALL FULL!
IT'S TOO LATE!
IT'S AWFUL!
I HEAR IT'S A DISASTER UP-RIVER!
HURRY AND MOVE THE GOODS BACK TO LAND!
Shaaa
OUR GOODS!

YOU NEED ONLY FOLLOW THE RIGHT PERSON, AND THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ROAMING THE STREETS AND SUFFERING!

IS THERE A CONNECTION BETWEEN SHAN YU MU AND YOUR FAMILY?

MOTHER-IN-LAW REALLY IS AMAZING! SHE USED THAT FLOOD TO HER ADVANTAGE AND MADE A HEAP OF MONEY!

HOW COULD THAT THIRD-RATE ARTIST HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH OUR ESTEEMED FAMILY?
THIRD-RATE ARTIST?
HE IS NOTORIOUS FOR HIS WICKEDNESS!
A RAT THAT SPREADS MISERY!
IT'S AN UTTER DISGRACE THAT HE JUST SO HAPPENS TO SHARE OUR SURNAME!
WELL! LIL' SISTER YING SHUANG, WHY NOT COME TO MY ROOM FOR A CUP OF TEA!
I DON'T WANT YOUR STINKY TEA! HMPH!

YING SHUANG,
LOOK AT THIS ORNAMENT DO YOU THINK IT MAY BE FROM AN ANCIENT DYNASTY?
...
YING SHUANG ...?
Ah!
TELL ME WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU! I CAN SEE THAT YOUR MIND IS ELSE-WHERE.
OH. WELL..
GRANNY, IF I MAY ASK... THAT PROPHET ARTIST SHAN YU MU... IS HE RELATED TO THIS HOUSEHOLD?

EH?
YOU KNOW HIM?
EH..
YES..
YOU DO KNOW HIM? HOW DID YOU MEET HIM?
WHERE IS HE NOW?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS AT PRESENT... I AM LOOKING FOR HIM AS WELL..
BEFORE, WE TRAVELED TOGETHER FOR QUITE SOME TIME
AH..
GRANNY ...?

HE IS MY BELOVED GRANDSON!
GRANDSON? DO YOU MEAN THAT BROTHER SHAN YOUR ONLY MALE BLOOD RELATIVE?
THAT'S RIGHT!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR HIM FOR A LONG, LONG TIME..
TEN YEARS AGO... THE DAY HE HE LEFT, IT WAS ALSO AN AUTUMN DAY..
churrup
churrup
churrup

RIGHT NOW, MY ONLY WISH...
IS TO SEE HIM ONCE MORE AND TO HEAR HIM CALL ME "GRAND-MOTHER"...
THAT DAY, THERE WAS A MISUNDER-STANDING BETWEEN US.
OLD MADAM SHAN IS USUALLY SO STRONG-WILLED AND DETERMINED. BUT SHE CAN ALSO BE SO FRAGILE-HEARTED. SHE MISSES HER GRANDSON!
BROTHER SHAN DOESN'T KNOW ANY OF THIS...
AH...
NO MATTER HOW BIG THE SHAN FAMILY GROWS, IT ALWAYS STILL RELIES ON ME...

OLD MADAM SHAN...
YU MU IS MY ONLY MALE BLOOD RELATIVE...
THEY ARE NOT MY TRUE FAMILY, AFTER ALL!
WHEN MY LIFETIME HAS PASSED, HOW CAN I LEAVE EVERYTHING TO MY SONS-IN-LAW?
YU MU'S MOTHER MISSES HIM AS WELL!
THAT'S GREAT!
I'M SURE HE'S NEAR THIS CITY RIGHT NOW.
OF COURSE, GRANNY!
YING SHUANG, WILL YOU DO WHATEVER YOU CAN TO HELP FIND HIM?

BROTHER SHAN'S MOTHER IS STILL ALIVE?
YES...
BUT...
AFTER YU MU RAN AWAY FROM HOME, SHE FELL ILL AND HAS NEVER RECOVERED. ALL THESE YEARS SHE HAS BEEN LIVING IN HER OWN WORLD, WITH ONLY HERSELF FOR COMPANY.

AH...
I ONLY WANT TO TELL HER PERSONALLY THAT BROTHER SHAN IS WELL, AND NOT TO WORRY... THAT'S ALL!

THEN,
MAY I VISIT HER?

SHE IS NOT WELL. SHE NEVER ACCEPTS ANY VISITORS

I'M ALSO LOOKING FOR A TEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL NAMED XIAO YAO...

UM...
IT'S BETTER TO DEDICATE YOURSELF TO FINDING YU MU!

BROTHER SHAN!
THAT'S GREAT...
LEAVE IT TO ME.
I KNOW THE FEELING OF LOSING YOUR FAMILY.
YOU ONCE TOLD ME IT WAS YOUR WISH FOR ME TO SETTLE DOWN AND NEVER HAVE TO WANDER AIMLESSLY EVER AGAIN...
WHAT ABOUT YOURSELF, THEN?
YOU HAVE A GRANDMOTHER, A MOTHER, AND MANY SIBLINGS.
YOU HAVE TRAVELED TO SO MANY DIFFERENT PLACES, BUT HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF RETURNING HOME?

I WAS DAY-DREAMING AND NOW I'M LOST!
EH? WHERE AM I?
THIS HOUSE IS SO BIG IT'S SCARY! I'VE BEEN HERE FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND I STILL HAVEN'T SEEN EVERY ROOM!
I CAN'T EVEN FIND MY WAY BACK!
...

HURRY UP AND GO AWAY!
HURRY AND LEAVE!
HURRY UP AND GO AWAY... HURRY AND FIND SON MU...
?!
LEAVE THIS PLACE...
LEAVE THIS PLACE...

DO YOU HEAR?
DO YOU HEAR?!
OH!

AH, LIL' SISTER YING SHUANG! IT'S BEST FOR YOU NOT TO APPROACH THAT SICK GHOST!
HER ILLNESS MAY PASS TO YOU!
IT'S FINE NOW. LET GO!

YOU CAN START BY GETTING TO KNOW ME IN MY ROOM!
IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE SHAN FAMILY SO MUCH, I CAN HELP YOU.

STEP
WAS MY INTUITION WRONG?
THOUGH THIS MANOR SEEMS PROSPEROUS,
THERE SEEMS TO BE AN AURA OF DECAY BENEATH THAT PROSPERITY.

SHE LOOKED SO PALE...
AND I GET THE FEELING I'VE MET HER SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
WHO WAS THAT WOMAN JUST NOW?
SO COLD!
OH .. I'M TOO CURIOUS... I WANT TO KNOW WHO THAT WOMAN IS...
SOMEHOW HER EYES WERE REALLY FAMILIAR...
OKAY... THE PLACE WHERE I SAW HER SHOULD BE AROUND HERE

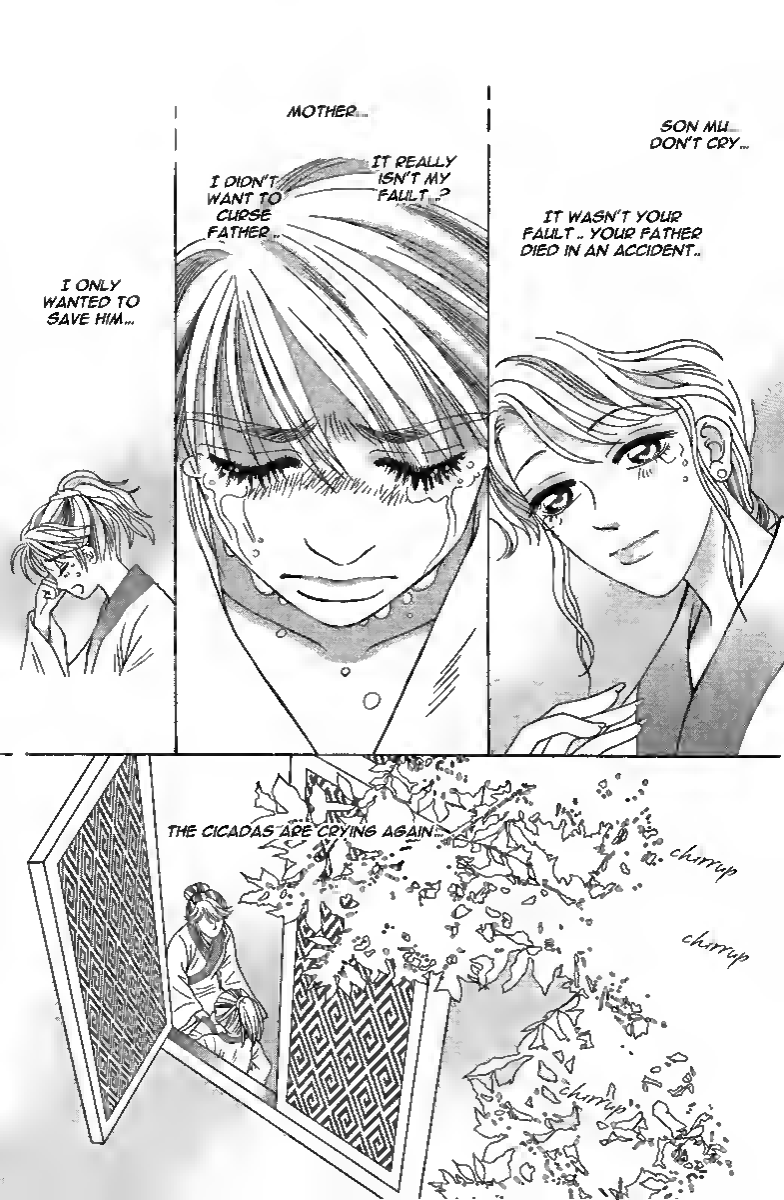
DAUGHTER YI, YOU'VE COME JUST IN TIME TO HELP ME COMB MY HAIR..
AH... I... I'M NOT YI...
UM... OKAY...
HELP ME PULL BACK MY HAIR AND PICK OUT SOME PRETTY CLIPS..
OKAY..
COME, DAUGHTER YI I'M GOING OUT TODAY!

AH...
AH...
DID YOU HEAR THAT...? WHAT WAS THAT SOUND?
MAY I ASK.
?
AH...
THERE IT IS AGAIN... THAT'S... THAT'S...
chirrup chirrup chirrup
THE CRY OF THE CICADAS!
MY SON MU... HE WANTS TO LEAVE ME...
SON MU...

MOTHER...
GRANDMOTHER SLAPPED ME..
GRANDMOTHER DOESN'T BELIEVE ME...
I DON'T WANT FATHER TO DIE!
BUT FATHER WILL DIE! I CAN FEEL IT!
DON'T SPEAK TO OTHERS ABOUT THESE THINGS AGAIN..
SON MU.. DOES IT HURT? LET MOTHER SEE...

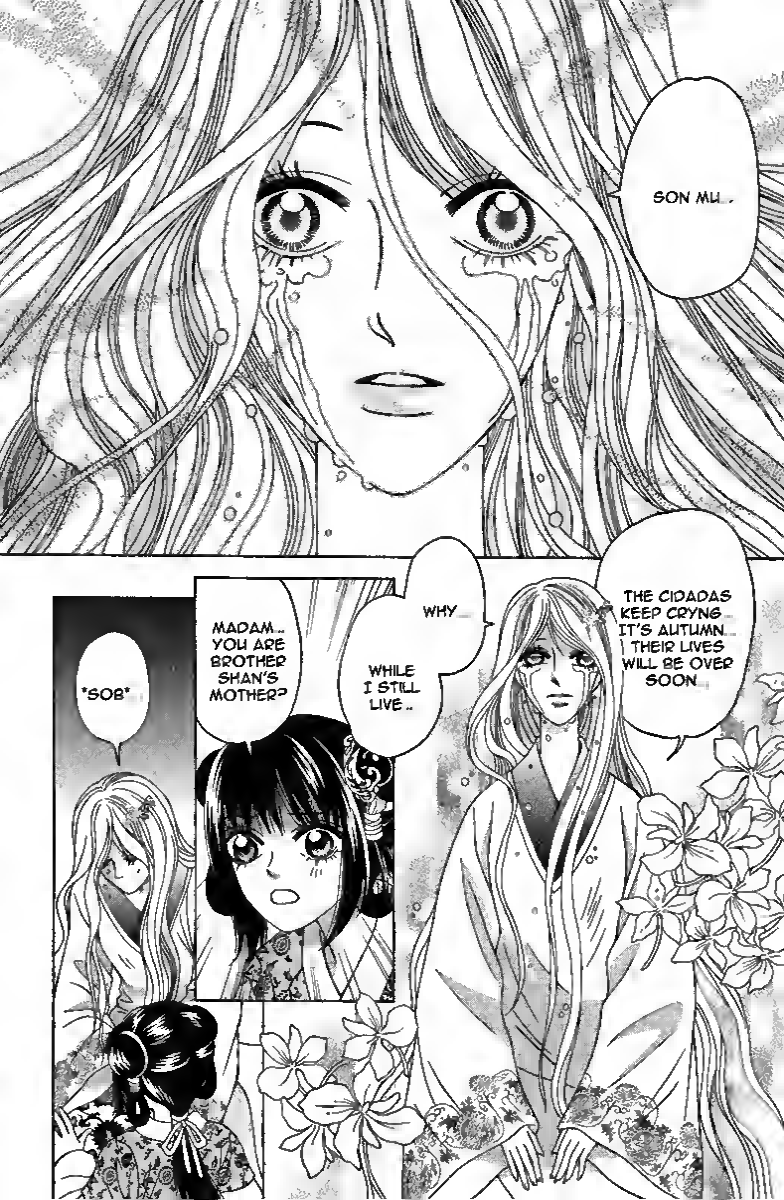
IT'S HORRIBLE!
IT'S HORRIBLE!
MASTER HAS SLIPPED AND FALLEN INTO THE RIVER!
sob
sob
sob
sob
sob
sob
FATHER DID DIE
I DIDN'T SAVE HIM
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT WOULD HAPPEN.. I COULDN'T SAVE HIM...
sob
DEAR
FATHER

AH!
DEMON CHILD!
DEMONESS!
DEMON CHILD!
MY SON SHOULD NEVER HAVE MARRIED YOU, DEMONESS! YOU EVEN BORE THAT DEMON CHILD WHO BROUGHT DISASTER UPON THE SHAN FAMILY!


MOTHER...
I DIDN'T WANT TO CURSE FATHER..
IT REALLY ISN'T MY FAULT..?
I ONLY WANTED TO SAVE HIM...
SON MU... DON'T CRY...
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT.. YOUR FATHER DIED IN AN ACCIDENT..
THE CICADAS ARE CRYING AGAIN...
chirrup
chirrup
chirrup

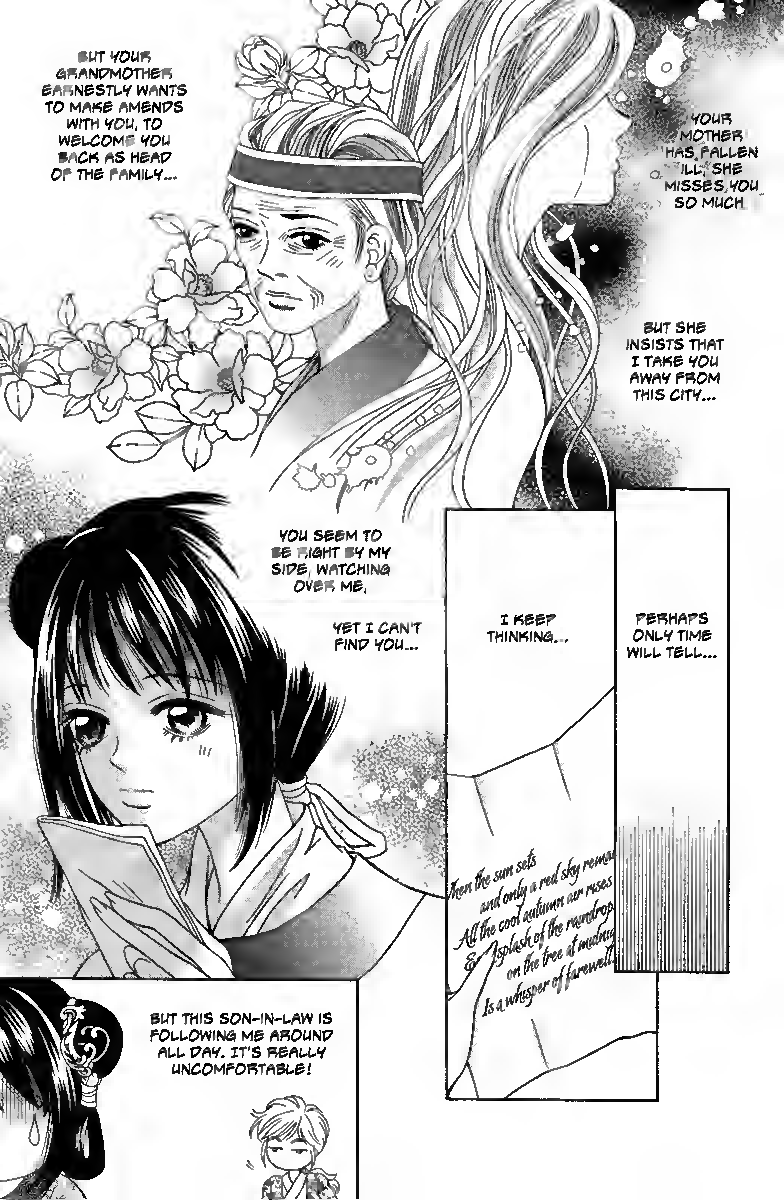
SON MU! WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO GO? DON'T LEAVE MOTHER ALONE!
MOTHER...
I'M GOING TO LEAVE...
MOTHER...
I CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT I AM!?
WHY I DO I SEE SUCH MISFORTUNE?

SO I CAN'T STAY HERE..
GRANDMOTHER SAYS I WILL BRING THAT MISFORTUNE TO EVERYONE..
MAYBE ONE DAY I MIGHT EVEN CAUSE YOU MISFORTUNE..
NO! YOU WON'T!
YOU WON'T!
SON MU!


SON MU..
THE CIDADAS KEEP CRYNG.. IT'S AUTUMN.. \ THEIR LIVES WILL BE OVER SOON..
WHY..
WHILE I STILL LIVE..
MADAM.. YOU ARE BROTHER SHAN'S MOTHER?
"SOB"

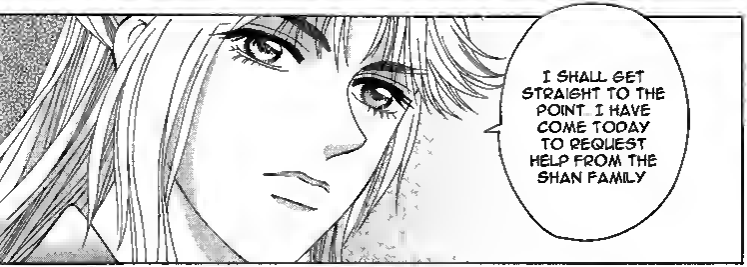
MISS, YOU ARE
I'M CALLED YING SHUANG I WILL HELP YOU TO FIND BROTHER SHAN!
BROTHER SHAN IS ALSO IN THIS CITY! HE IS WELL!
MISS
TAKE MY SON MU AWAY DON'T RETURN HERE. LEAVE.

OLD STEWARD!
ANY NEWS OF SHAN YU MU?
NO.
AFTER THE FLOOD, THERE'S BEEN NO TRACE OF HIM..
THE OLD MADAM IS ANXIOUS AS WELL.
SHE'S QUESTIONED THE BOATMEN THAT FIRST HEARD THE RUMORS, BUT THEY'RE NO HELP!
BROTHER SHAN... WHERE HAVE YOU GONE?
THE OLD MADAM IS ALSO FRANTIC ABOUT THIS!
SO IT'S LIKE THAT..


BUT YOUR GRANDMOTHER EARNESTLY WANTS TO MAKE AMENDS WITH YOU, TO WELCOME YOU BACK AS HEAD OF THE FAMILY...
YOUR MOTHER HAS FALLEN ILL, SHE MISSES YOU SO MUCH
BUT SHE INSISTS THAT I TAKE YOU AWAY FROM THIS CITY...
YOU SEEM TO BE RIGHT BY MY SIDE, WATCHING OVER ME,
YET I CAN'T FIND YOU...
I KEEP THINKING...
PERHAPS ONLY TIME WILL TELL...
Then the sun sets
and only a red sky remains
All the cool autumn air rises
& Asplash of the raindrop
on the tree of mulberry
Is a whisper of farewell
BUT THIS SON-IN-LAW IS FOLLOWING ME AROUND ALL DAY. IT'S REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE!

OLD MADAM SHAN, A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
I AM WEN MO YAN, AND I HAVE COME TO VISIT YOU!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
NO NEED TO BE SO FORMAL, MASTER WEN.
PLEASE, HAVE A SEAT!

WHAT BUSINESS BRINGS YOU HERE, MASTER WEN?


I SHALL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. I HAVE COME TODAY TO REQUEST HELP FROM THE SHAN FAMILY

HE IS.
SHAN YU MU IS ONE OF YOUR FAMILY, IS HE NOT?
OH?

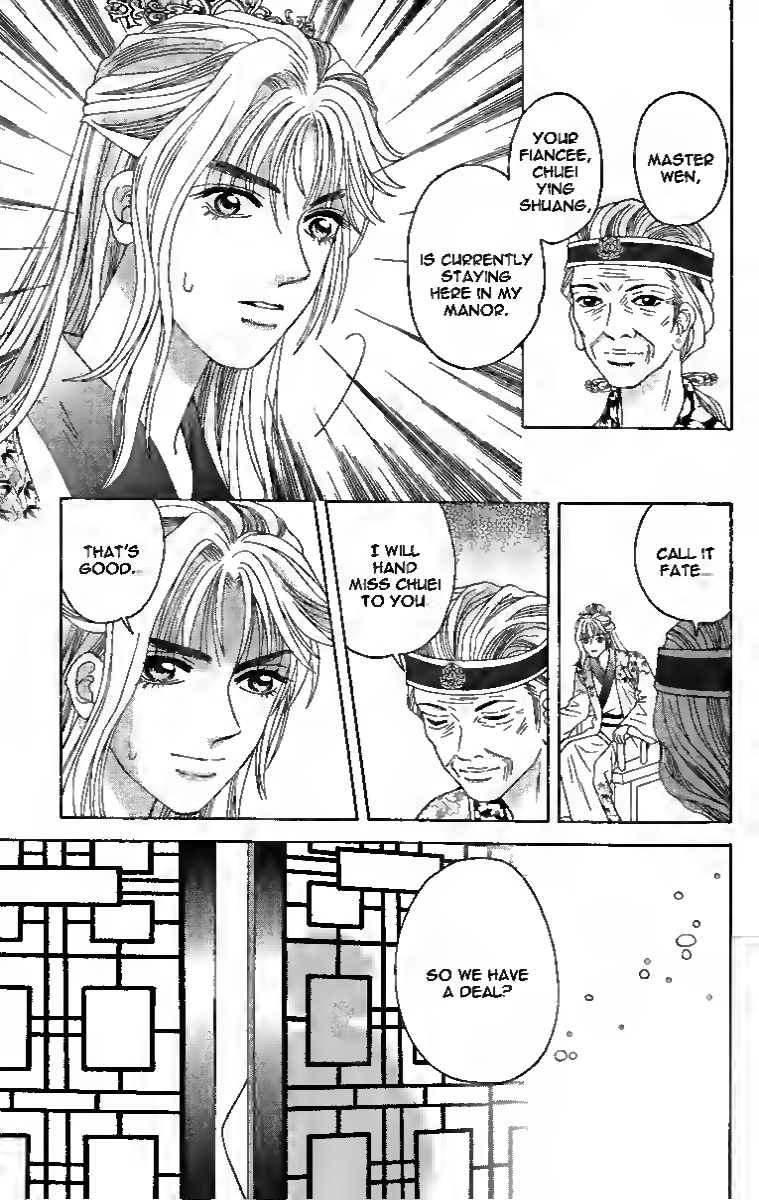
I AM SURE THAT YOU HAVE HEARD THE REPORTS
SHAN YU MU HAS CAUSED MUCH UNREST ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY
DEVIOUSLY MAKING UP "PROPHECIES" TO STIR UP FEAR FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL GAIN
...
TWO MONTHS AGO, HE EVEN COMMITTED ARSON, WHICH RESULTED IN FIVE CASUALTIES...
AND
HE DEFIED A JUDGE'S ORDER NOT TO LEAVE THE CITY WHERE HE WAS ARRESTED

HE ABDUCTED MY FIANCEE CHUEI YING SHUANG!
THE POLICE HAVE BEEN ON THE HUNT FOR HIM,
BUT HAVE HAD NO RESULTS
THAT'S WHY I HAVE COME HERE TODAY TO REQUEST YOUR HELP
I KNOW HE IS ONE OF YOUR OWN FAMILY,
BUT IF YOU HELP TO FIND AND CAPTURE HIM, YOU WILL BE PUTTING AN END TO A PUBLIC MENACE!
chuckle

DID YOU THINK THAT I'M PROTECTING THAT DEMON CHILD?
HE IS THE SON OF A LOWLY MISTRESS...
AND HE CURSED HIS OWN FATHER TO DEATH AT AGE TEN
MY ONLY SON!

MY ONLY SON!
THE BLOOD HEIR OF THE SHAN FAMILY!
MY SON DIED IN A FILTHY RIVER
LEAVING ME, AN OLD WOMAN, TO KEEP THE FAMILY GOING.
FOR TEN YEARS I'VE SHOULDERED THE BURDEN OF MAINTAINING THE SHAN FAMILY'S GOOD NAME
AND THAT DEMON CHILD WANTS TO SMEAR THAT GLORY?
HOW DARE HE CALL HIMSELF SHAN!
MAY THE BLOOD OF HIS FATHER BOIL HIS VEINS!

SO I WILL HELP YOU, BUT ON ONE CONDITION
I DON'T WANT THE POLICE TO BE INVOLVED WHEN HE IS FOUND, BRING HIM TO ME
I WANT TO PERSONALLY RESOLVE THIS MATTER!
THIS...
SHE DOES WANT TO PROTECT HIM? WELL, SHAN YU MU IS THE HER GRANDSON, AFTER ALL.


MASTER WEN,
YOUR FIANCEE, CHUEI YING SHUANG,
IS CURRENTLY STAYING HERE IN MY MANOR.
CALL IT FATE...
I WILL HAND MISS CHUEI TO YOU
THAT'S GOOD...
SO WE HAVE A DEAL?

AND OLD MADAM SHAN AS WELL...
WEN MO YAN!!
DID I HEAR IT WRONGLY?
I WANT TO PERSONALLY RESOLVE THIS MATTER!
I WILL HAND MISS CHUEI TO YOU

TAKE MY SON MU AWAY
DON'T RETURN HERE
OH MY.
AH
THAT'S WHAT SHE MEANT!
LET GO OF ME!
I NEED TO HURRY UP AND LEAVE!
LIL' SISTER YING SHUANG, SUDDENLY EAGER TO THROW YOURSELF INTO MY ARMS?
Ah!
HOW COULD I? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO THREW YOURSELF AT ME!

Wah!
WHO... WHO IS THAT?
TAKE YOUR DIRTY HANDS OFF HER OR I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK!

YING SHUANG WE MEET AGAIN

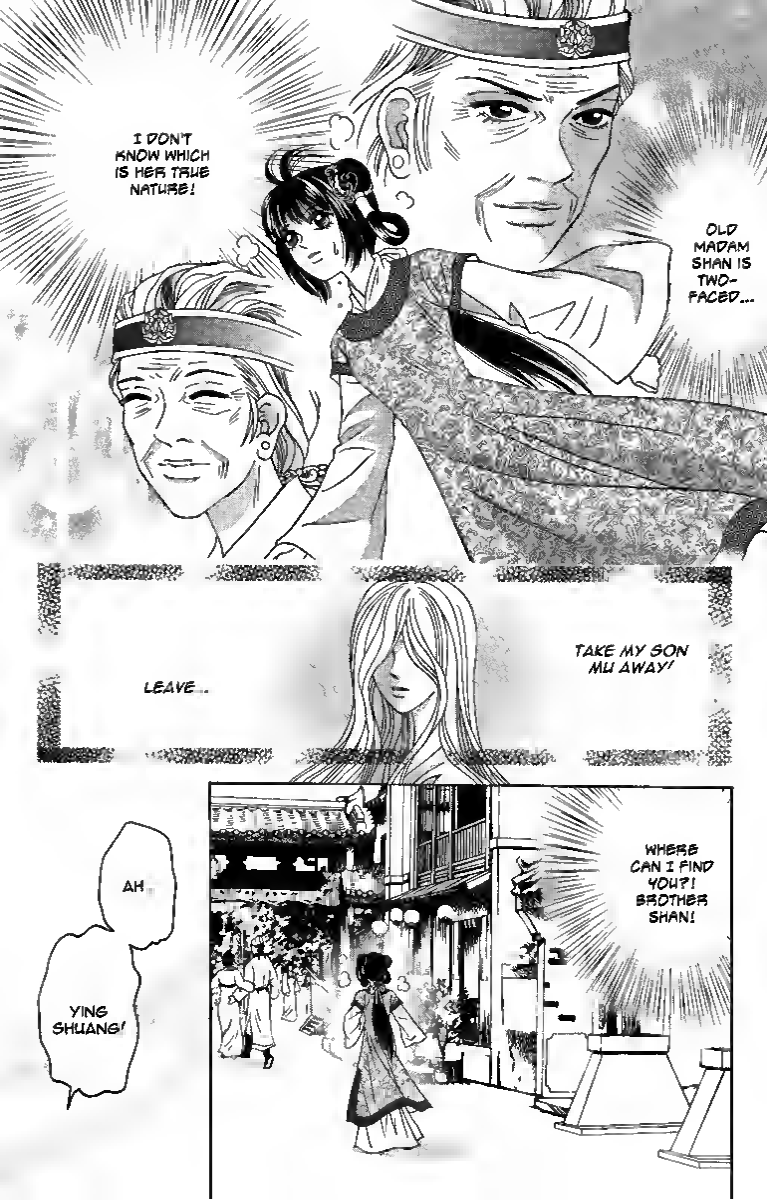
HEY! WHO EXACTLY ARE YOU?
I WAS ABOUT TO ASK MY MOTHER-IN-LAW TO LET ME TAKE LIL' SISTER YING SHUANG AS A SECOND WIFE
GRAB
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
YOU WANT HER AS YOUR SECOND WIFE?
YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH LIFE IN YOU FOR A SECOND WIFE ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DROP DEAD RIGHT THIS MOMENT

MOTHER! SPEAK UP FOR YOUR SON-IN-LAW!
SHUT UP!
OLD MADAM SHAN
I WILL TELL THE POLICE TO STOP LOOKING FOR SHAN YU MU BUT IN RETURN, I ASK FOR ONE MORE FAVOR
NAME IT
YING SHUANG SHOULD HAVE BEEN MY WIFE LONG AGO...

ONCE SHAN YU MU IS CAPTURED,
I WOULD LIKE TO HOLD MY WEDDING HERE IN THE SHAN MANOR!
I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER FOR CHUEI YING SHUANG TO BE MY WIFE!
HEY!
DONE.
THIS IS A VERY FAIR DEAL.

I'LL TAKE YOU FOR YOUR WORD
YES
WEN MO YAN, WE HAVE THE SAME GOAL!
I ADMIRE YOU!
IF ONLY MY SONS-IN-LAW HAD HALF OF YOUR CRAFTINESS..
MOTHER! THAT GUY...
USE-LESS THING!

YING SHUANG... WE HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR EACH OTHER!
THIS TIME, YOU WON'T ESCAPE FROM MY SIDE!
I HAVE TO FIND YOU BEFORE THE SHAN FAMILY DOES!
BROTHER SHAN!
BROTHER SHAN!


I DON'T KNOW WHICH IS HER TRUE NATURE!
OLD MADAM SHAN IS TWO-FACED...
LEAVE...
TAKE MY SON MU AWAY!
AH
YING SHUANG!
WHERE CAN I FIND YOU?! BROTHER SHAN!

SISTER SHUANG!
AH!
SISTER SHUANG!
XIAO YAO! XIAO YAO! I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
UWAAAH.

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I CHECKED THAT SHOP EVERY DAY!
THAT MAN WAS SO BAD!
HE WANTED ME TO TELL HIM WHERE YOU AND BROTHER SHAN WENT. HE ALMOST DROWNED ME!
I'M SORRY...
I ALMOST CAUSED YOUR DEATH...
IT'S MY FAULT...
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN AFRAID
I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT YOU.
NO! I PROMISED BROTHER SHAN THAT I'D TAKE CARE OF YOU, SISTER SHUANG!
WHAT A GOOD GIRL...

LET'S GO! I'LL BRING YOU TO BROTHER SHAN!
BROTHER SHAN?
YOU FOUND BROTHER SHAN?
NOT EXACTLY HE FOUND ME!
WE ONLY FOUND OUT A FEW DAYS AGO THAT YOU WERE STAYING AT THE SHAN MANOR. WE'VE BEEN WONDERING HOW TO CONTACT YOU!

BROTHER SHAN IS STAYING AT A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE IN THE WEST. ALL THE VILLAGERS PRACTICALLY TAKE HIM FOR A GOD!
Because he revived me!
A SMALL FISHING VILLAGE IN THE WEST...?

YOU'VE FINALLY SAID IT!
YOUNG LADY!
WEN MO YAN!
MEN, GATHER A TEAM AND HORSES AND HEAD WEST TO THE VILLAGE CAPTURE SHAN YU MU!
YES, SIR!

HANG ON!
I'M THE ONE YOU WANT. I'LL GO BACK WITH YOU! DON'T MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR BROTHER SHAN!
SISTER SHUANG!
YOU WILL FINALLY GIVE ME WHAT I'VE WANTED FROM THE BEGINNING?

BUT... IT'S TOO LATE NOW, YING SHUANG!
THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED.
BESIDES, YOU WERE ALREADY MINE TO BEGIN WITH. YOU ARE IN NO POSITION TO BARGAIN.
UGH...
YOU ARE THE MURDERER THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH BROTHER SHAN!
I DID IT FOR YOU!

IT WAS MY FAULT... WAS IT MY FAULT...?
NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT... IT SHOULDN'T BE LIKE THAT!
I MUST TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY FATHER, MOTHER AND LI FEN...
I SHOULD FACE THE DESTINY I CHOOSE FOR MYSELF!
I WILL NEVER ACCEPT YOU,
EVEN IF YOU COMMIT MORE MURDERS IN MY NAME!
YING SHUANG, HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED HOW CRUELLY YOU HURT ME?

WHEN I'D THOUGHT YOU HAD DIED, DO YOU KNOW HOW REGRETFUL I WAS...?
IF IT HAD BEEN MY POISON THAT THAT KILLED YOU, I WOULD NEVER HAVE FORGIVEN MYSELF... EVER...
YOUR POISON?
MY ORIGINAL PLAN WAS FOR WAN XIANG TO GIVE IT TO YU MU HERSELF...
SISTER WAN XIANG? HOW...
ONE WORD... GREED

SHE...
WAN XIANG HAS ALREADY PAID THE PRICE FOR HER MISTAKE..
EH?
BUT I UNDER-ESTIMATED THE BOND BETWEEN YOU TWO..
AND PUT YOU IN DANGER
HER SPIRIT HAS ALREADY DISPERSED UPON THE BIAN RIVER
SHE DIED A MOST BEAUTIFUL DEATH'

YOU...
MORE OF YOUR TRICKS...?
I SENT HER OFF PERSONALLY. SHE WAS TRULY AT THE PEAK OF HER BEAUTY!

MY DEAR LITTLE SISTER!
THE FAVOR I WILL NEVER FORGET IT, NOT EVEN IN DEATH!
MAY OUR SWORN SISTERHOOD END ONLY IN DEATH
SHE DID GO BACK TO HER HOMETOWN
AND THEY ARE LIVING HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN SOME BLISSFUL CORNER OF THE WORLD...
I HAD A DREAM THAT SISTER WAN XIANG RETURNED TO HER HOMETOWN AND MARRIED HER SWEETHEART, BROTHER TONG.

FATE...?!

I DON'T BELIEVE THAT FATE CAN'T BE CHANGED!
AH!
BROTHER SHAN...
FATE...
IS IT TRULY IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE? WAS I BEING FOOLISH?
COME BACK WITH ME!

NO...
I HATE YOU...
I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN... EVER... EVER... EVEN IF I DIE...
!

SMACK
AH!
DON'T RUN, LITTLE RUNT!
HURRY AND STAND UP!
THUD
LET HER GO! THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER!
LET GO OF XIAO YAO!
LET GO OF ME! EVIL PERSON!

COME BACK WITH ME
IF YOU DON'T, WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HER!
SISTER SHUANG ..
WEN MO YAN! ARE YOU CRAZY? SHE'S ONLY A CHILD!
MAYBE I'M REALLY CRAZY...

CAN IT BE...
PEOPLE CAN ONLY SUCCUMB TO THE CRUELTY OF FATE?
I'VE ALREADY COME THIS FAR, WHAT'S A FEW MORE MURDERS?
IN ORDER TO HAVE YOU, I AM WILLING TO SEND EVERY PERSON CLOSE TO YOU TO THE KING OF HADES
BIT BY BIT, LOSING THEIR GRASP ON EVERYTHING...
CAN I NEVER ESCAPE THE FATE THAT WAS CHOSEN FOR ME?

LET GO OF XIAO YAO!
cough

ARE YOU SAFE?
BRO-THER SHAN...
I AM, BUT SISTER SHUANG...
BROTHER SHAN...
WEN MO YAN, I AM THE ONE YOU SEEK WHY FORCE YING SHUANG TO GO WITH YOU?

BROTHER SHAN!

IT WAS ALL MY FAULT..
YOU LIED TO ME...
BIG SISTER WAN XIANG IS DEAD... JUST LIKE IN YOUR PAINTING...
I BROUGHT MISFORTUNE TO SISTER WAN XIANG...
DON'T CRY... THAT IS FATE..

I WANTED TO HELP YOU... TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU..
BECAUSE.. I REALLY MISSED YOU...
BUT HOW DID YOU COME TO BE STAYING WITH THE SHAN FAMILY?
NO...
EVEN IF I WILL BRING YOU MIS-FORTUNE?

IT'S AS YOU SAY, IT'S JUST FATE...
AND IT IS MY CHOICE...

YING SHUANG!
THIS IS THE FIRST AND LAST TIME THAT I WILL SEE YOU TWO EMBRACE!

SHAN YU MU! I WANT TO KILL YOU!
I WANT TO KILL YOU!
AH, GRANDSON MU...
Whoosh

YOU'VE GROWN UP IN THE TEN YEARS SINCE I LAST SAW YOU, GRAND-SON MU!
GRAND-SON MU.
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU CAME BACK TO VISIT YOUR OLD GRANNY!
GRAND-MOTHER!

I'VE WALKED THROUGH FIRE AND ICE ON THE PATH OF THE DAMNED.
I SPENT HALF MY LIFE AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY, MANAGING THE FAMILY BUSINESS.
AND NOW THAT I HAVE MASTERED THE PATH OF THE DAMNED,
YOU WILL BE MY FINAL CONQUEST!
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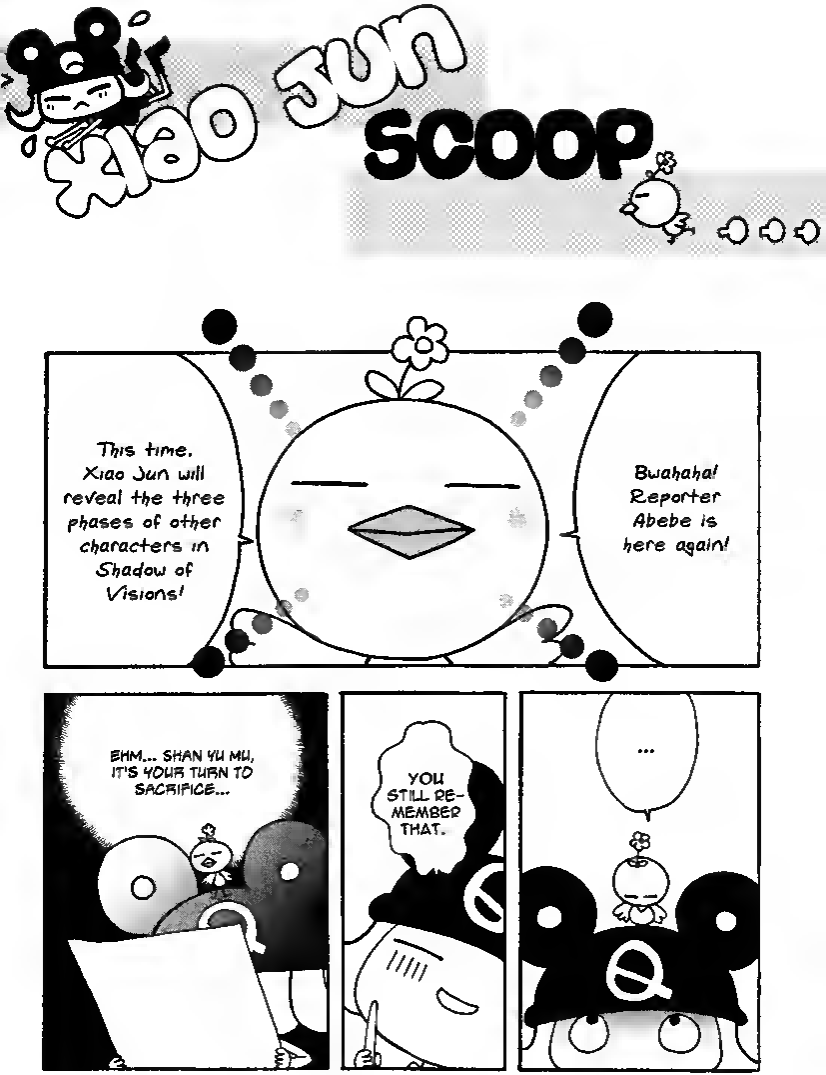
Xiao Jun SCOOP
This time, Xiao Jun will reveal the three phases of other characters in Shadow of Visions!
Bwahaha! Reporter Abebe is here again!
EHM... SHAN YU MU, IT'S YOUR TURN TO SACRIFICE...
YOU STILL REMEMBER THAT.
...

WELL, NOW CHECK OUT THE THREE GENERATIONS OF SHAN YU MU!
First Generation:
SHAN YU MU'S FIRST APPEARANCE WAS IN A SHORT STORY MANY YEARS AGO. HE'S GOT A BIT OF BABY FAT~
YOUR FOUR PILLARS
YOUR FATHER ENTRUSTED IT TO ME BEFORE HIS DEATH
Second Generation:
FROM ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. HIS FACE HAS GOTTEN QUITE A BIT SLIMMER! A LOT BETTER LOOKING, HUH!
Third Generation:
THE LATEST EDITION OF SHAN YU MU. HE'S BEEN WANDERING AROUND AND TRAVELING FOR TOO LONG, SO HE HAS GOTTEN A LOT THINNER! BUT THAT MAKES SENSE, RIGHT?

YOU ACTUALLY BETRAYED MY FORMER APPEARANCE?
AH!
NO, NO, NO, NO NEED FOR THAT! I DON'T WANNA HEAR YOUR PROPHECIES!
LET ME TELL YOU YOUR FUTURE IN A YEAR, YOU WILL...
Ah...
It really can't be helped. It's still coming, whether you know it or not!
There's one more important character whose old pictures you haven't shown us!
OH...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT THAT DEVIL TO GET ANGRY WITH US?

HAHA! CHICKEN ARRBE, ARE YOU TIRED OF LIVING?
I CAN TAKE YOU TO MCDONALD'S AND TURN YOU INTO CHICKEN NUGGETS..
WEN MO YAN IS AN ENTIRELY NEW CHARACTER, SO THERE ARE NO OLD UGLY DRAWINGS OF HIM!
NEVER FEAR!
THE DEEP FRYER IS READY!
HELP!
I don't want to become chicken nuggets~
THE DRAFTS I DREW LONG AGO WERE JUST SHORT STORIES ABOUT THE JOURNEYS OF SHAN YU MU AND QUE YING SHUANG.
THERE WAS NO SUCH CHARACTER AS WEN MO YAN
First Draft
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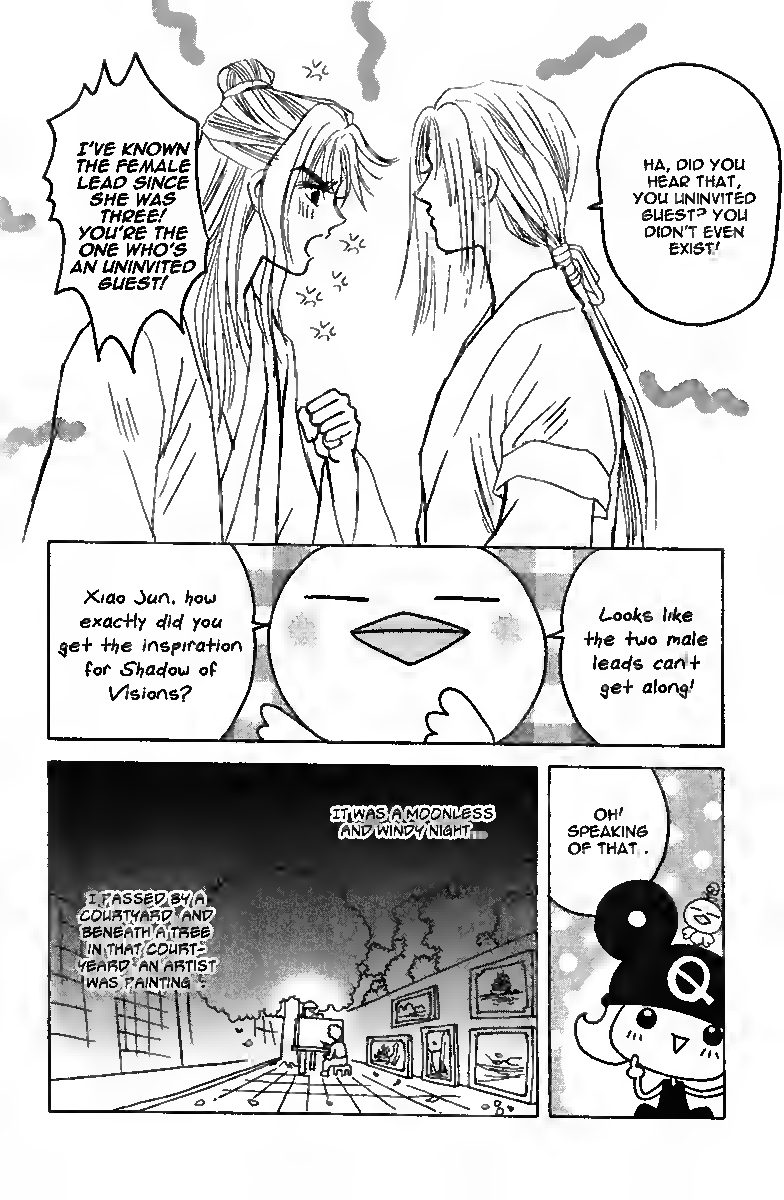
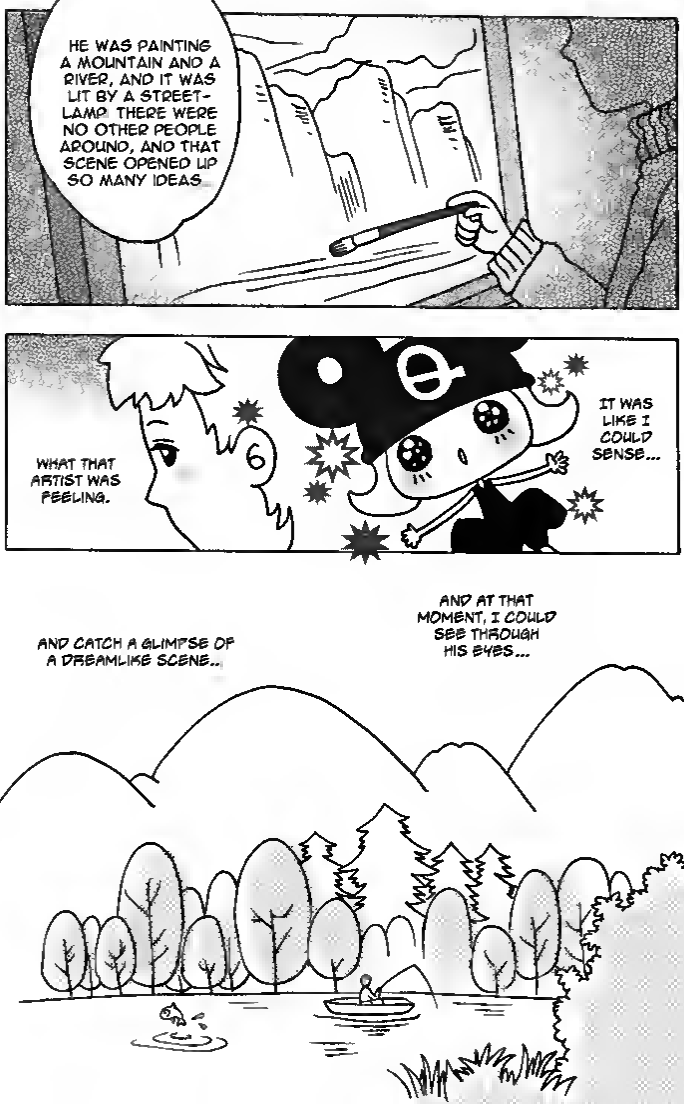

I'VE KNOWN THE FEMALE LEAD SINCE SHE WAS THREE! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S AN UNINVITED GUEST!
HA, DID YOU HEAR THAT, YOU UNINVITED GUEST? YOU DIDN'T EVEN EXIST!
Xiao Jun, how exactly did you get the inspiration for Shadow of Visions?
Looks like the two male leads can't get along!
IT WAS A MOONLESS AND WINDY NIGHT...
I PASSED BY A COURTYARD AND BENEATH A TREE IN THAT COURTYARD AN ARTIST WAS PAINTING.
OH! SPEAKING OF THAT,


HE WAS PAINTING A MOUNTAIN AND A RIVER, AND IT WAS LIT BY A STREET-LAMP. THERE WERE NO OTHER PEOPLE AROUND, AND THAT SCENE OPENED UP SO MANY IDEAS...
WHAT THAT ARTIST WAS FEELING.
IT WAS LIKE I COULD SENSE...
AND CATCH A GLIMPSE OF A DREAMLIKE SCENE...
AND AT THAT MOMENT, I COULD SEE THROUGH HIS EYES...

AND THAT'S HOW THE GOD IN MY HEART, SHAN YU MU, WAS BORN!
The two of them...
SHAN YU MU IS THE CHICKEN, AND WEN MO YAN IS THE EGG! HEHE~
Abebe's understanding
So it's like they say "There must be a chicken before there can be an egg."
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, YOU'RE AN UNINVITED GUEST.
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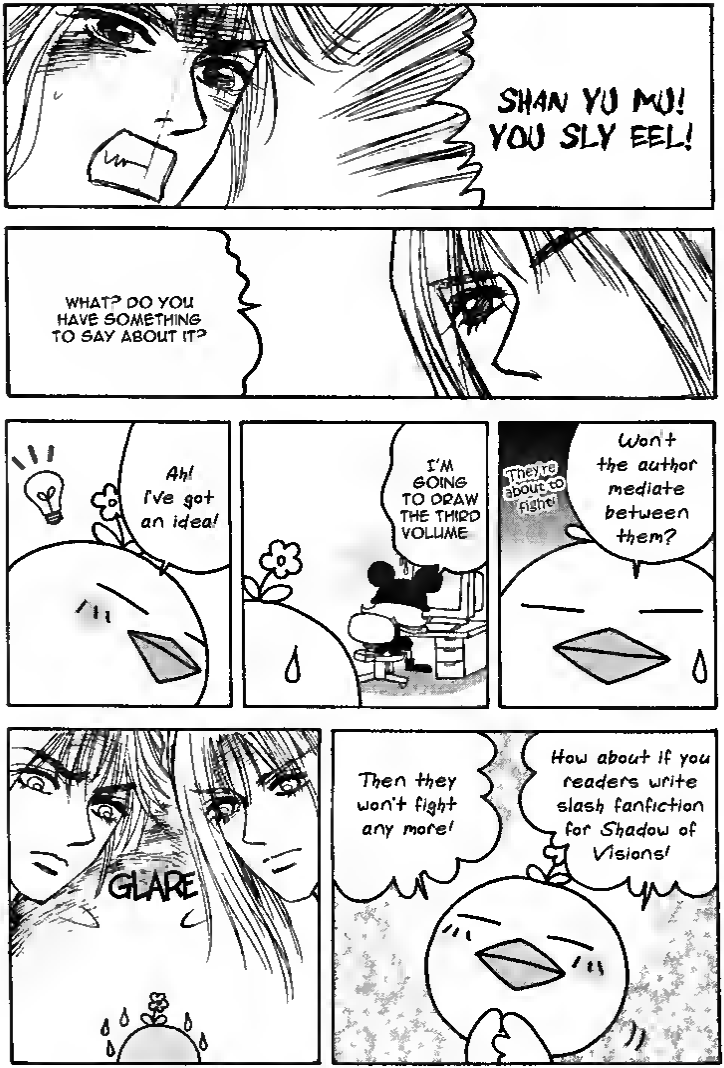
SHAN YU MU! YOU SLY EEL!
WHAT? DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT IT?
Ah! I've got an idea!
I'M GOING TO DRAW THE THIRD VOLUME
They're about to fight!
Won't the author mediate between them?
GLARE
Then they won't fight any more!
How about if you readers write slash fanfiction for Shadow of Visions!

Ah... Forget I said that... PS: If you want to leave a comment, you're welcome to visit Xiao Jun's Manga WOW!
http://sheau-giun.myweb.hinet.net/